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SUMMARY OF DOCHEV's REPORT - 10 JULY 1957

1. DOCHEV re-discussed his plan to bring approximately 23 BNF members to Canada who are presently located in refugee centers in Trieste and also about 6 members who are presently in refugee camps in Greece. He mentioned the following five as being among the most important of the group: Krum DIMITROV, Yatsa YATSOV, Vasil DINCHEV, Georgie BIBANOV, and Peter PESHLINIKOV. His greatest difficulty of course is being able to assure the Canadian government that he can arrange for their re-settlement - finding positions for each person so that they can be self-supporting. This of course lead DOCHEV into his previous proposal that we support him in purchasing a farm in Canada which would be run on a cooperative basis; giving work and a home to all these people. Such a farm could also be used as a place for training these men and they would be centrally located and easily picked up when an occasion should arise that they might be needed.

DOCHEV mentioned that many of his people presently located in various parts of Europe may eventually immigrate to Australia as others have already done. In so doing, chances of using their services in any future emergency are very slim. DOCHEV mentioned that there are perhaps two to three hundred Bulgarians in Australia and that Ivan DINCHEV was their leader.

2. DOCHEV said that he has found two potential candidates to marry Miss ANTONIA (see previous month's report re legal entry op into Bulgaria via Miss ANTONIA). One man apparently is willing to marry Miss ANTONIA, but he is quite a few years her senior. The other man is much younger and approximately the same age as Miss ANTONIA, but this person presumably does not want to be rushed into something like this. DOCHEV has written Miss ANTONIA requesting that she send him some recent photos of herself.

3. DOCHEV presented a new proposal - that he be allowed to visit British Columbia to contact BNF members in that area. DOCHEV has never visited this area and claims that there are many immigrants presently located there who previously lived in or around Toronto. DOCHEV would like to organize his people at that place and also check into possibilities of resettling some of the people he would like to bring over from Trieste and Greece.

4. DOCHEV also proposed that he be allowed to visit San Francisco and Los Angeles at some point in the near future to organize his people in that area. Again this is an area in which he has not visited to date.

5. DOCHEV mentioned that Tolo ZLATKOV and Boris STOIKOV were still attempting to obtain transit visas to allow them to visit the states. He expects that this will require another several months.

6. During his trip to the mid-west recently he organized a group of four BNF members in Chicago and a new group in Toledo, Ohio. The name of the General who heads the group in Toledo can be found in the Bulgarian original report submitted by DOCHEV (attached).

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7. On 1-2 September 1957 DOCHEV will attend the annual convention held by the Bulgarian American League being held in Detroit this year. DOCHEV said the League had a membership of about two hundred persons. There will be approximately sixty delegates attending the convention from various cities; about twenty of which are also members of the Bulgarian National Front. At the convention DOCHEV expects some of his BNF members to be appointed to some of the more influential boards and committees; thereby gaining more BNF influence in the League.

During this convention DOCHEV hopes to make arrangements to welcome King Simeon on his forthcoming visit to Canada and the United States. He wants to set up committees in various cities to make the necessary arrangements to receive the King and plan his trip. DOCHEV does not want the BNF to be the sole sponsor of the King's visit, but rather all Bulgarians in Canada and the United States.

8. DOCHEV mentioned the name of a General AKRAMOV who has been in the United States for over a year and has requested a year's extension on his visa. AKRAMOV, according to DOCHEV is a Communist from Bulgaria who is purportedly visiting his son, but who, in reality, is here to persuade Bulgarian immigrants to return to Bulgaria.

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